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Dr. Ueli Kihm
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Dear Dr. Kihm:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service conducted an on-site audit of Switzerland's meat inspection system from March 21 through April 9, 2001. Enclosed is a copy of the final audit report. Comments received from the government of Switzerland are included as an addendum to the final report. Thank you for the clarification regarding testing for generic *Escherichia coli* and species verification testing. We are continuing with our equivalence determination of Switzerland's procedures for testing ready-to-eat product for *Listeria monocytogenes* and *Salmonella* species.

If you have any questions regarding the audit or need additional information, please contact me. My telephone number is 202-720-6400 and my fax number is 202-690-7990.

Sincerely,

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